

REMARKS

This application is a U.S. National Stage filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/007333 filed on July 8, 2003.

Amendments to the Abstract and Specification

Applicants herein add an abstract to the present application to comply with U.S. practice. Applicants herein also amend the specification to insert a cross reference to the earlier filed International Patent Application. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Amendments to the Claims

The above claim set is based on the amended claims of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/007333 which were submitted during the International Stage. **A copy of these amended claims are attached to the enclosed copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).**

Following the entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 3 - 18 and 30 remain in the application for consideration. Claims 2 and 19 - 29 are herein canceled without prejudice. No claims are amended herein. No new matter is added herewith.

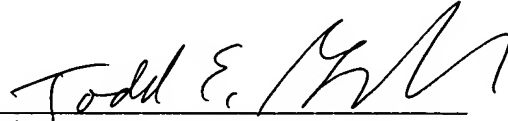
Please calculate the filing fee based on the above amended claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid in the continued prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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